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NACCHO to Deliver MAPP Training in Garden City

by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment



The National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) will be providing a Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) training in Garden City on September 18-19. MAPP is a community-driven strategic planning process for improving community health. It is an interactive process that can improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and ultimately the performance of local public health systems.

This national training is available for a \$20 registration fee. It is a great opportunity to learn strategies for increasing community collaboration, developing program goals and putting strategies into action.

Hotel accommodations are provided for those travelling more than 50 miles. Registration is required at <https://bit.ly/2H2mQnc>.

Behavioral Health Community Planning Day - September 30

by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

The Local Public Health Program is hosting the Behavioral Health Community Planning Day on September 30 at the Cyrus Hotel in Topeka. The purpose of this event is for local health departments to learn strategies and gain resources in addressing behavioral health priorities in their communities. Local health departments are encouraged to bring a community team to discuss behavioral health, focusing on gaps, challenges, and strengths at the local level; discover promising approaches for addressing behavioral health issues; and work together to develop action steps for progress. The Behavioral Health Community Planning Day will serve as a pilot for a series of events. Register to attend at <https://bit.ly/33cW2K5>.

KDHE Selected as One of Seven Health Departments to Participate in Research to Action Project



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment was selected as one of seven health departments nationwide to participate in an applied positive change program through the de Beaumont Foundation. The program, Research to Action: Leading Change in the Recruitment and Retention of a Creative and Innovative Workforce, is a five-phase process over an 18-month period.

Participants will learn critical leadership strategies and tools in change management and systems thinking using an appreciative inquiry framework. This framework is one of a few post-modern approaches to change that integrates a whole-system response. It is part of the “strengths revolution” that focuses on what we do best rather than our weaknesses. It works under the principles that “words create worlds” and that the questions we ask are fateful (positive image leads to positive action). In other words, to become good or great, we need to ask generative questions about what is already happening that is good or great.

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Context” section explores how SDOH affect populations and are formed through aspects of the social context (or social environment). The “Applications and Interventions” section showcases examples of how SDOH knowledge forms a key basis for designing distinct interventions that improve public health. To access the training plan and for additional information about the learning objectives and content, visit [TRAIN](#).

Kansas Public Health Workforce Development Forum — September 23

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Local Public Health Program is sponsoring the Kansas Public Health Workforce Development Forum on September 23, 9:30 a.m.– 4 p.m. at the Ramada in Topeka. The Forum is a statewide convening of local and state public health departments and partner organizations to explore options

for building the capacity of the governmental public health workforce system in Kansas. Presenters include experts from the de Beaumont Foundation and the Kansas public health system. [Register online](#) to participate.

Kansas Public Health Association Conference - September 24 & 25



The Kansas Public Health Association is hosting its annual conference at the Ramada in Topeka on September 24-25. Conference sessions will focus on many public health issues important to Kansas, including the theme: Be the Bridge: Connecting the Healthiest System. For Equity. For Action. For Health.

The conference will open with a keynote presentation from Emily Yu from the de Beaumont Foundation. Emily also serves as the Executive Director of the BUILD Health Challenge, a dynamic funding collaborative dedicated to improving health by improving the social and environmental conditions less readily associated with health. Additional keynote presentations will include a presentation on public health systems thinking from Dr. Ron Chapman; a presentation on the impact of the politics of racial resentment on health by Dr. Jonathan Metzel; and information on fresh approaches to tobacco control behavior change presented by Kathleen Crosby and Brandon Tate. The conference will also feature a number of sunflower spotlights which are short, succinct talks with a focus on one of Public Health 3.0's critical dimensions: strategic partnerships; timely and locally relevant data; metrics and analytics; flexible & sustainable funding; and foundational infrastructure. More information on the conference, including registration information is available [online](#).



Grant Opportunity: Increase Disability Inclusion in the MAPP Process— Deadline October 15

The National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) is partnering with the National Center on Health, Physical Activity, and Disability (NCHPAD) to announce a funding opportunity for local health departments to include people with disabilities in their community health assessment (CHA) and/or community health improvement plan (CHIP) efforts using the MAPP framework and the new [MAPP Resource Guide for Disability Inclusion](#).

The purpose is to ensure that data is collected and used to inform strategic priorities and place-based programs and services that support the health of people with disabilities. NACCHO and NCHPAD will provide tools and resources, technical assistance, and subject matter expertise throughout the project.

NACCHO will make up to two awards available to local health departments with awards up to \$10,000 each.

Applications must be submitted via email to slyons@naccho.org by Tuesday, October 15 at 10 p.m. View the request for applications [online](#).

Dr. Norman Discusses Vaping on CNN



Dr. Norman appeared on CNN Thursday morning and talked with Kate Bolduan about the recent death in Kansas.

Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, appeared on CNN on September 12 advocating to stop vaping until more is known. After a recent vaping-related death in Kansas, Dr. Norman spoke with CNN anchor Kate Bolduan about vaping. Dr. Norman identified the trend of youth using e-cigarettes

and vaping products as an entry to nicotine products. Watch Dr. Norman's [interview](#) with CNN and learn more about the [outbreak](#) of vaping-related lung disease.



Midwestern Public Health Training Center Releases Podcast Series

by the Midwest Public Health Training Center

The Midwestern Public Health Training Center (MPHTC) has released its first episode of the Share Public Health podcast. The podcast series will explore public health topics including leadership, mental health, health equity, hot topics and emerging practices. A new podcast will be released each week.

In the first episode, Dr. Suzanne Hawley talks with Dr. Amy Chesser about mental health literacy and the importance of language. The podcast provides information about a number of resources, including Mental Health First Aid, the New York State Education Department Mental Health Guide, and the Mental Health Literacy Guide. To access the resources, the podcast transcript, or listen to the podcast, visit the Midwestern Public Health Training Center's [website](#).

Public Health Data Day

On June 17, 2019, more than 60 public health professionals and key stakeholders convened for the first Public Health Data Day in Wichita. Funding for this event was possible through the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

The event began at 9:30 a.m. with a warm welcome from the director of the Wichita State Community Engagement Institute's Center for Public Health Initiatives, Aaron Davis. Participants were able to attend morning breakout sessions about defining community health needs, using data to create meaning, understanding communities through qualitative data and hands on experience with a syndromic surveillance tool (ESSENCE). KALHD, CEI and KDHE were proud to host staff from the Public Health Informatics Institute for two workshop sessions. These sessions focused on helping local health departments assess their current capacity and act on those results. Additionally, the Public Health Informatics Institute helped local health departments develop an informatics strategy roadmap. At the end of the day, participants provided valuable insight on how the KALHD Informatics Sub-Committee can further support data initiatives at local health departments.

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We all have a role to play.
Together, we can save lives.

Effective prevention starts with **you**.

- 1 Make a plan to prevent suicide
- 2 Find a suicide prevention program
- 3 Measure your program's success
- 4 Improve suicide care for your patients
- 5 Take action after a suicide

We are excited to announce that our popular online course, *A Strategic Planning Approach to Suicide Prevention*, will be replaced with a new version in early October. If you are enrolled in the current course and would like to finish it, you will need to do so by September 16, 2019.

Locating and Understanding Data for Suicide Prevention

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center is offering the free online course [Locating and Understanding Data for Suicide Prevention](#). The course explores a variety of commonly used data sources for information on suicide deaths and attempts, suicidal ideation, and related factors — as well as new frontiers in suicide surveillance, such as interactive dashboards and real-time data collections.

Vision & Hearing Screening Trainings

The KU Medical Center Area Health Education Center invites you to take part in their upcoming vision screening certification trainings and hearing screening courses. Slots fill up quickly, so reserve your spot now by registering online using the link below each program!

For more information visit the [Hearing/Vision Screening Page](#) on the website or contact the KU Medical Center Area Health Education Center at (620) 235-4040.

The schedule is as follows:

September 27 Emporia, KS	Vision Screening & Assessment Workshop Location: Emporia State University, Visser Hall Workshop: 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 Registration deadline: Sept. 24 (\$10 late fee after this date) Cancellation deadline: Sept. 24 Click here to download the flyer. Click here to register online.
October 3-4 Lawrence, KS	New and Renewal Level 2 Hearing Screening Training Location: Lawrence Public Schools, Educational Service & Distribution Center Day 1 – Initial Training and Renewal: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Day 2 – Initial Training Only: 8:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. (estimated) Cost: \$125 – Initial Training; \$100 – Renewal Registration deadline: Sept. 26 (\$10 late fee after this date) Cancellation deadline: Sept. 30 Click here to download the flyer. Click here to register online.
October 11 Salina, KS	Vision Screening & Assessment Workshop Location: Salina Regional Health Center, Conference Room #6 Workshop: 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 Registration deadline: October 8 (\$10 late fee after this date) Cancellation deadline: October 8 Click here to download the flyer. Click here to register online.
October 24-25 Lawrence, KS	New and Renewal Level 1 Hearing Screening Training Location: Lawrence Public Schools, Educational Service & Distribution Center Day 1 – Initial Training and Renewal: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Day 2 – Initial Training Only: 8:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. (estimated) Cost: \$125 – Initial Training; \$100 – Renewal Registration deadline: Oct. 17 (\$10 late fee after this date) Cancellation deadline: Oct. 21 Click here to download the flyer. Click here to register online.
November 11-12 Lawrence, KS	New and Renewal Level 2 Hearing Screening Training Location: Lawrence Public Schools, Educational Service & Distribution Center Day 1 – Initial Training and Renewal: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Day 2 – Initial Training Only: 8:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. (estimated) Cost: \$125 – Initial Training; \$100 – Renewal Registration deadline: Nov. 4 (\$10 late fee after this date) Cancellation deadline: Nov. 6 Click here to download the flyer. Click here to register online.

PHEP Training for New Administrators

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Preparedness Program partnered with the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments Preparedness team to develop a series of courses for new local health department administrators. This series was designed to provide new administrators the tools and knowledge they need for preparedness-related topics. The course can be accessed from the Preparedness website or directly in KS-Train under work plan # 4137. A printable version of each course module in the resource section of the course.

Module 1: Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant Overview (KS-Train 1087202)

- Describe how PHEP grant funds are allocated across state and local agencies.
- Distinguish between allowable and unallowable expenses.
- Recognize where to access the guidance document and other resources.
- Understand the process and timeline for reporting financial status reports (FSRs) and work plan progress reports.

Module 2: Preparedness Training (KS-Train 1087203)

- Locate and recommend online and in-person training.
- Understand the benefits of exercises and why they are vital to preparedness.
- Navigate the Kansas TRAIN learning management system.

Module 3: Preparedness Meetings (KS-Train 1087204)

- A variety of preparedness meetings around the state the LHD Administrators should be aware of.

Module 4: Standard Operating Guides, Plans, and Annexes (KS-Train 1087205)

- Standard operating guides
- Plans
- Annexes, appendices and attachments

Module 5: State/Local Relationships and Preparedness IT Systems (KS-Train 1087208)

- State and local relationships
- Preparedness IT systems

Has **KanQuit!**
helped you quit
smoking?

The Kansas Tobacco Quitline is seeking former tobacco users who were assisted by the Quitline. If you or someone you know has used the Quitline to quit, please contact KSSmokeFree@ks.gov to share your story!



Webinars — Extreme Storms, Flooding and Health Impacts

The American Lung Association and the National Environmental Health Association are partnering to host webinars on extreme storms, flooding and health impacts.

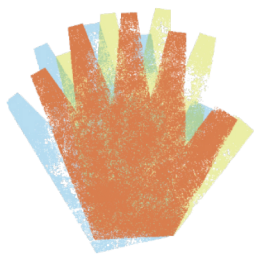
- *Guidance for Environmental Health Professionals on the Ground - September 24, 12 p.m.:* A webinar for environmental health professionals and the communities they serve will give an overview of the health impacts of extreme storms and flooding, including lung health impacts, and practical tips from local environmental health professionals. Speakers will share their personal experiences and lessons learned while serving communities that have experienced extreme storms and flooding. Register for the webinar [online](#).
- *Overview for the Health and Policy Professionals - September 24, 2 p.m.:* This webinar for members of the broader health policy community that will give an overview of the health impacts of extreme storms and flooding, including lung health impacts; feature the personal experiences of local environmental health professionals who are on the ground serving communities dealing with extreme storms and flooding; and include related policy recommendations from the American Lung Association and the National Environmental Health Association. Registration for the webinar [online](#).

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News & Resources

U.S. Obesity Rate Reaches Historic Highs



A new report on U.S. obesity based on newly released data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), and analysis by Trust for America's Health, provides a snapshot of obesity rates nationwide as well as policy recommendations to address obesity. The report notes that racial, ethnic, gender and geographic discrepancies continue to exist in the obesity rates. Obesity rates are closely tied to social and economic conditions. Policy recommendations include sugary drink taxes, expanded SNAP and WIC Nutrition support programs and a built environment encouraging physical activity. Additional information on the report is available [online](#).

Making Data Talk: A Public Health Workbook

How do you successfully communicate scientific evidence to improve public health? The National Cancer Institute has released a new workbook providing key information, practical suggestions, and examples on how to effectively communicate health-related scientific data to the public, policy makers, and the media. Use this resource to better select and convey data in ways lay audiences can understand. Additional information about the resource and information on how to download it are available on the National Association of County & City Health Officials' [website](#).

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Harper County Health Department

Interpreter for Health Department

Riley County Health Department

Health Department Administrator
Maternal Child Health Home Visitor

Hodgeman County Health Department

Health Department Staff Nurse (RN)

Shawnee County Health Department

Registered Dietician
RN Nurse-Family Partnership

Call for 2020 Kansas Health Champion nominations!

Deadline for Nominations: September 30, 2019

Awardees will be honored at the Community Health Promotion Summit
on January 30, 2020 in Wichita.

The Kansas Governor's Council on Fitness is looking to recognize one outstanding
individual and one outstanding organization that have done exemplary work to
model, encourage, and promote health and fitness in Kansas.

Nominate Now!

<http://www.getactivekansas.org/kshealthchamp.asp>